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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at the bottom of page 4 (lines 20-24) with the following amended paragraph:

Briefly, the present invention provides a covering that can be applied to one or more surfaces of a structure including at least one sheet having a plurality of components, each of said components being capable of protecting a structure against detection by at least one sensing method. The sheet has an adhesive exterior surface whereby it can adhere to the structure and, opposite the adhesive surface, an exterior surface with an uneven surface profile.

Please replace the paragraph that bridges pp. 5-6 (line 21 of page 5 through line 9 of page 6) with the following amended paragraph:

The covering can include a plurality of layers wherein each provides protection against detection by at least one sensing method. One of the layers can be a paint layer applied directly to the object to be protected or to a surface of the covering itself. Suitably, at least one of the layers of such a multilayer covering can be removably adhered to an adjacent layer. Adhesive layers could be provided between each of the layers. This convertibility/removability feature [[of]] might be useful in situations where altering the visual appearance of a covering while leaving the other camouflage functions of the covering unchanged is required. For example, a sand-colored upper layer could be removed from a covering at a time when the covering is no longer to be used in a desert environment but is instead to be used in a vegetated area. This can eliminate the need to remove the entire covering, which may still be in good condition after extended use; instead, the outer layer could be peeled off and replaced by a similar outer layer of a different pattern or color to suit the new environment.